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"The Oil Queen."

Many of the readers will remember Miss Emma McCutcheon (now Mrs. Summers), daughter of Mrs. W. L. McCutcheon, of this city, who several years ago, taught a class in music in Hickman. She is also a sister of Mrs. J. A. Thompson, wife of Cashier Thompson, of the Farmers & Merchants Bank, of this place. From the mid-winter edition of the Los Angeles Times, we clip the following relative to this lady who was reared to womanhood in Hickman:

One of the most interesting personalities in California is Mrs. Emma A. Summers, the "Oil Queen." This name has been bestowed upon her primarily because of her vast operations in one of the greatest mineral resources of this state, but it most aptly describes one who, by virtue of most superior mental powers, rules. There is no brute force in her way, but nevertheless it has been most effective, and, could the story be told, this modest, refined and truly feminine woman has gained victories over combinations of masculine training and abilities that have been backed by capital and influence so powerful that strong captains of industry have gone down under the impact.

But the story of to-day is success. It has come through purpose and genius. Inheriting from her father, a banker, a far-seeing intelligence in financial matters, but reared in a southern home where all the womanly qualities were accentuated, she is a rare combination of the artist and the business person—one seldom seen, but when found always at the heights of attainment. It was with money earned at music teaching that she made her first investments in land and oil wells. In the former, depending upon her own judgment she has had wonderful success and she owns lands and houses in various sections of the city, buying and selling for herself, one of her latest investments being a large apartment house at 525 California street, containing fifty-eight apartments, with modern kitchen and fitted with the latest wall beds and representing an outlay of over \$50,000. This is of handsome architectural lines, oak finished in the interior, and is appropriately named the "Queen."

With her usual business acumen she has leased this before completion for ten years upon splendid terms, her investment paying her handsomely, while the property will increase in value with the passing years. But it is in her oil operations Mrs. Summers has attracted the widest attention. When oil was first discovered in the vicinity of her California street home she secured a location for her first well. This was most profitable and she kept adding to her collection of wells until she had a large number. From the very first she has been thoroughly business-like in all her dealings, and soon commanded the respect of all with whom she was associated. It has not been plain sailing. She has taken her hard knocks without whimpering, however, and has asked no favors in her business because of the fact that she is a woman. Possessed of an undaunted spirit, every backward step has meant an effort that has lifted her still further in her business career. Among oil men she is known as a "good fellow" and there isn't one of them better in touch with crude oil conditions and the market than is she. Although during the past two years she went through a crisis in California crude oil that caused many of the most prominent men dealers to give up, she passed through it successfully and is now handling thousands and thousands of barrels of the product every month in the year. Her contracts are enormous and at an advanced price, and she is furnishing

many of the largest corporations and industries with their entire supply, while during her oil manipulations she has had contracts with every large business in Los Angeles, sticking to her agreement every time. Her operations include the maintenance of seventy horses for delivery purposes in the city, besides the large amounts shipped by rail to outside points. It is impossible to enumerate the many enterprises in which she is interested, but among these is the large brick factory she is now completing on East First street and her ownership of the E. A. Summers Paint company. In personal life she is a charming woman, full of spirit and delicate intuitions. She is intensely interested in Los Angeles and feels herself a part of its innermost workings. Its development is the spirit that animates her. Simple and unaffected in her home life she is one to comfort and command.

Mortgage on Tombstone.

What will probably be the first sale of a tombstone in a graveyard has been ordered by the judge of the Christian county court. The sale is to satisfy a judgment of the court for \$85.25 in favor of Wells Bros. against D. M. Boyd. The contractors who put up the stone in the Boyd graveyard retained a lien on the stone for the unpaid purchase money when the contract was made. The stone is of granite, four feet tall and thirty-eight inches thick. The sale of second-hand tombstones is about as unfrequent as that of second hand coffins or cisterns.

Surely, we are living in a great age.

What the Sprague Earns.

Some rivermen were discussing recently how long it would take the Sprague, said to be the most powerful towboat on inland water at present, often referred to as the \$250,000 steel beauty of the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal and Coke company, to pay for itself. The great earning power of the boat is thus figured out, says the Pittsburg Post.

The Sprague took a tow of 60 coalboats, the largest tow ever hitched to one towboat, and four coalboats larger than the Sprague has ever handled before. In each of these coalboats are over 25,000 bushels of coal. Coal operators figure on 2 cents a bushels as the tariff for towing coal from Louisville to New Orleans. The Sprague will therefore earn at least \$500 for towing each coalboat, or \$30,000 for towing the entire tow to New Orleans and as the coalboats hold over 25,000 bushels each, the earning power of the boat might reach \$33,000, or even \$36,000 for the down trip.

On the return trip the Sprague will bring back 60 empties, and coal operators figure \$300 each for the

towing of each empty from New Orleans to Louisville. Thus the Sprague would earn \$18,000 on her return trip, or from \$48,000 to \$53,000 for a single round trip from Louisville to New Orleans.

Each trip, men employed, food, etc., is calculated to cost about \$18,000, according to length of trip, which may require anywhere from thirty to sixty days. The towboat would at this rate earn about \$30,000 for her owners. She makes about four trips each year, and her earning capacity is therefore calculated at \$120,000 a year, at which rate she would pay for herself in two and a quarter years.

The Sprague met many misfortunes, costly to her owners, when she was first built, but in the past two years she has been running finely and has already revolutionized the towing of coal from Louisville to New Orleans. A few years ago

twenty-five or thirty coalboats were considered a big tow. Larger boats were put on, and finally came the Sprague, whose next attempt at achievement comes in a few days, when the towboat will pull out of Louisville with sixty coalboats, or as much as thirty trains loads of 100-ton cars hauled by the largest and most improved steam engines.

If you are Constipated, dull, or bilious, or have a sorrow lifeless complexion, try Lax-ets just once to see what they will do for you. Lax-ets are little toothsome Candy tablets—nice to eat, nice in effect. No griping, no pain. Just a gentle laxative effect that is pleasingly desirable. Handy for the vest pocket or purse. Lax-ets meet every desire. Lax-ets come to you in beautiful lithographed metal boxes at 5 and 10 cents.

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WEEKLY NASHVILLE AMERICAN	1	25
THE HICKMAN COURIER	1	25
ST. LOUIS GLOBE-DEMOCRAT	1	50
THE HICKMAN COURIER	1	50
OUR COUNTRY MAGAZINE	1	25
THE HICKMAN COURIER	1	25

It's up to you. You had better act today—tomorrow may be too late. Hurry if you want them. They are bargains!!!

ENCLOSE CASH WITH ALL ORDERS

Largest Ranch Owner.

Owning a reach of 1,000,000 acres, twice as big as the state of Rhode Island and as large as the entire state of Delaware, Mrs. H. M. King is one of the wealthiest women in the world. By the purchase of the Los Laurels ranch, which is adjacent to her own ranch at Santa Gertrudes, Tex., Mrs. King becomes the largest ranch owner on the globe. The Los Laurels consists of 170,000 acres. Mrs. King has more than 100,000 head of cattle, and the St. Louis, Brownsville and Mexico railroad runs through her property for more than a hundred miles.

During the last year she has given away 65,000 acres—30,000 for the building of the railroad and 30,000 to the town of Kingsville, named after her husband. It is estimated that it is fifty-odd miles from her doorway to her front gate.

Mrs. King's ranch, the Santa Gertrudes, is an enormous revenue producer. While most of her land is used for stock raising, practically every acre is susceptible of the highest cultivation. In the last few years the land has increased in value from 15c to 20c an acre to \$15 to \$20. It is all in the artesian water belt and can be irrigated.

Such land under cultivation is selling in Texas for \$150 per acre. It is Mrs. King's plan to reclaim all of the grazing land she owns, and by boring artesian wells irrigate it, and rent and lease it to progressive and practical farmers.

Murders, Suicides, Lynching.

During 1906 there were 72 lynchings in the United States. This is seven more than in 1905, but fifteen less than in 1904, and thirty-two less than in 1903. In 1901 there were 135, but in 1902 there were only 96. Lynchings are gradually decreasing in number. In 1891 there were 192, in 1892 there were 235, in 1893 the number was 200, and in the seven years following the numbers were 190; 171; 131; 166; 128; 107 and 116 respectively. Last year the lynchings were distributed as follows: Alabama, 5; Arkansas, 4; Florida, 6; Georgia, 9; Indian Territory, 1; Kentucky, 4; Louisiana, 9; Mississippi, 13; Maryland, 1; Missouri, 3; North Carolina, 5; South Carolina, 6; Tennessee, 2; Texas, 6. Of the seventy-two victims, seventy were negroes, one of them a woman. Two victims were white, one in North Carolina and one in Louisiana. Of the seventy-two lynchings only fourteen were for "the usual" crime" while nineteen were for attempted assaults.

In 1906 more than 5,000 human beings were killed as the result of quarrels. In the case of 160 men and 11 women murder was followed by suicide. There were 280 double, 96 triple, 44 quadruple, 30 quintuple murders.

A record of suicides is worse than that of murder. In 1889 there were 5,340 suicides in this country. In eight years there have been more than 65,000. While the world was in comparative peace last year more than 44,000 persons were killed in war. But in this country alone more than 15,000 persons were murdered, or killed themselves. There were 100 murders and 200 suicides a week.

DON'T PUT OFF

until tomorrow what you can do today. If you are suffering from torpid liver, or constipation, don't wait until tomorrow to get help.

Buy a bottle of Herbine and get that liver working right. Promptness about health saves many sick spells. "Mrs. Ida Gresham, Point Tex., writes: I used Herbine in my family for six years, and find it does all it claims to do." Sold by Cowgill's Drug Store and Helm and Ellison.

Scratch a chronic critic and you find a hypocrite.

The Tax Raise.

Following is a list of the raises made by the Fulton county board of equalization in the precincts of Cayce and Lodgton at its last session:

CAYCE		
NAME	FROM	TO
G M Asbel	\$ 120	\$ 300
A A Arrington	1700	2000
J M Atterberry	3720	4000
W H Apperson	1500	2000
A R Bondurant	2500	2725
W H Brown	4000	4500
M D Brown	5080	6350
Joe Campbell	1450	1700
J G Hall	1650	1920
W T Kyle	1000	1250
D A Luten	6000	7000
A K McConnell	4000	4400
H P Naylor	1140	2925
E E Reed	6425	6000
Chas Miles	10575	11800
A Semones, n. r.	1650	1950
Sid Smith	975	1250
S A Wilkins	4800	5400

LODGTON		
S M Binford	250	360
A R Milner	3250	4000
Maupin (Kearby)	500	300
L D Nichols	300	400
D C Nugent	465	600
G T Rankin	900	1200

Worth a Trial.

A Westport, Tenn., farmer gave a test to the old saying that to bury meat that had soured because of warm weather and let it remain buried a few days, would remove the meat of the taint and prevent its loss. He found his hams and shoulders soured, and started to throw them away when his wife suggested that he bury them. He did so, and let them remain in the earth nearly two weeks. Since the recent cold spell he has taken them up and finds them perfectly sound, with no tainted taste, and he is certain he has saved his meat by the experiment.

Don't fail to read the Semi-Annual Statement of the Hickman Building and Loan Association, in this week's Courier. This organization offers opportunities to the small investor that are well worth consideration.

A STITCH IN TIME

will save nine. So will a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup always kept on hand save many a spell of sickness. A sure cure for coughs, colds, bronchitis and whooping cough. Mrs. S., Hot Springs, Ark., writes: "I keep a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup in my medicine chest, and thank my forethought many times. It has prevented many severe spells of sickness." Sold by Cowgill's Drug Store and Helm and Ellison.

The story of a man who felt pain in his leg forty years after it had been amputated reminds a Topeka paper of some people right at home who are still brushing the hair they have not had for forty years.—Kansas City Post.

In 1900 there were more than ten trillion farmers in this country. There are not half a dozen farmers in Congress to represent the agricultural interests. Isn't there some thing wrong about this?

There is at present a balance of \$1,486,619 in the Kentucky State treasury. Those watch dogs of the treasury, who were last fall insisting that there was a hole in it, will please sit up and take notice.

Piles get quick relief from Dr. Shoop's Magic Ointment. Remember it's made alone for Piles and it works with certainty and satisfaction. Itching, painful, protruding, or blind piles disappear like magic by its use. Try it and see! Sold by all Dealers.

One of our farmer friends says Hickman needs two things—a flour mill and a public hitch-rack. The latter convenience we should have without delay.